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“VAANI”

- ... means ‘eloquent in words, sound’.
- ... stands for ‘sound of the soul’.
- ... exists as a platform for deaf children and their families to make themselves heard.

OUR VISION is to advocate for the right of every deaf child to a full and complete life with respect and dignity.

OUR MISSION is to promote the entitlement of every deaf child to total and complete access to communication, education, protection and personal safety, equity and equality in all spheres and information and knowledge to reach his or her full potential as an individual and as a member of society.

We work to achieve this by:

- Supporting the empowerment of families of deaf children to advocate for more accessible and sustainable services for deaf children and young people
- Promoting the exchange of clear and balanced information between families of deaf children and professionals who work with them, and creating opportunities for them to come together, access information and develop their knowledge
- Influencing development practitioners and policy-makers to include the needs of deaf children and their families in their work.
- Establishing partnerships with NGOs and strengthening good service delivery models to ensure their sustainability

Our commitment, is quite simply, access for every deaf child using the means most appropriate for their individual circumstances, so that they can understand, influence and most importantly, participate in the world around them.

Vani is a little deaf girl, bright, alert and just a little bit shy. She represents every Indian deaf child who is the direct beneficiary of all VAANI, Deaf Children’s Foundation’s activities.

She is VAANI.

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It has been my pleasure being the Chair for VAANI for the past seven years. Our aim to become a 'professional' NGO with completely transparent and effective systems is well on its way to becoming a reality.

2012-13 has seen VAANI increase its collaboration with the State Governments and expand its reach by working with the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and the Integrated Child Development Scheme. The work with parents and professionals who work with deaf children has been continuing at a good pace.

VAANI has made a name for itself as a resource of repute at the national level for issues around childhood deafness. I am very pleased to share with you that VAANI has been the recipient of awards at the National level. Brinda, the Director, has been shortlisted for the Ogunte Social Leadership Award.

This work would not have been possible without the support of a great team, and well-wishers and corporate donors who have been generously donating to VAANI, both in cash as well as in kind. We look forward to your support in the next few years which promise to be exciting ones for VAANI.

With best wishes,

Akhil Paul



"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success." Henry Ford

It has been 9 years since VAANI came into existence. We started out with a shared dream and have worked together to make that dream a reality. I stand humbled as I see the VAANI team grow from strength to strength, bound together in a shared vision, understanding the importance and the value of being part of a team. Every member contributes to her or his total capacity and gives of themselves with enthusiastic and dedicated commitment.

There has been steady progress and growth in all that we do, as is apparent from the increase in numbers of our beneficiaries. The State and Central Governments increasingly involve more members of the VAANI team in National and State level Forums, training workshops and other such events.

Building on last year's focus on consolidation, we have formalised our internal working, reporting and monitoring systems. Our Organisational Strategic Planning and Policy documents are in place. There is a sense of renewed confidence as we realise that we are on the right path and our strategies and plans will enable us to realise our Vision of reaching all young deaf children and families across India with high-quality need-based services.

VAANI was the winner of the **eNGO Award for Advocacy** constituted for organisations making best use of Information and Communication Technology in 2012. VAANI was declared a 2012 **Top-Rated Nonprofit** by **GreatNonprofits** and was also a finalist at the India NGO Awards Ceremony held in Delhi.

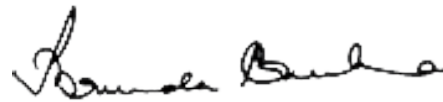
In the East, we have increased the scope of our work in West Bengal and Jharkhand. We continue to strengthen our partners and provide need-based support. The number of children accessing our resource centres in the Kolkata Metro Project has increased this year and we have managed to provide direct intervention to 66 deaf children and their families. Our awareness building exercises are paying dividends as this year we have seen a marked change in attitudes in our participating families, who find better communication with their children and better acceptance of them within the wider community.

In the Northeast, our work in Assam, Meghalaya and

Mizoram has had an impact on the lives of children and families as can be seen through the constant demand for support from clients themselves, the government and local NGOs. Our parent groups in both States are now planning their activities independently. In Assam, for example, **Dikhshruti** (a VAANI parents' group) has taken on a small office and awareness raising activities have started. Our parent leaders and trainers continue to support our work with families, proving to be an effective way to sustain what has been initiated.

Our fund raising efforts continue to bear fruit, but not as quickly as we would like them to. The greatest challenge we face is a lack of awareness about the rights of deaf children, and the fact that our cause is not given greater priority in the country. However, we don't lose heart and look forward to the coming year with renewed strength as **'advocates for the right of every deaf child to a full and complete life with respect and dignity'**.

Best wishes,



Brinda Crishna



VAANI was created with the aim of bringing communication into the lives of deaf children and their families. Up to March 2013, through our work with the SSA Teachers, ICDS workers and our partners, VAANI has had an impact on **15228** deaf children and families, **8109** parents and **3591** professionals in the states of Assam, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Karnataka, Gujarat and Maharashtra. Our work includes awareness programmes, skill based training programmes, capacity building programmes and workshops on the social and emotional needs of deaf children.

VAANI's programme is unique as it follows a participatory mode of developing and providing services. All our training programmes are needs-based and tailor-made for the direct beneficiaries, literate and illiterate, in a language they can understand.

VAANI's key activities are:

- Awareness building with parents and guardians of deaf children
- Sensitisation of professionals and service providers on the issue of deafness
- Capacity building of professionals and parents of deaf children
- Advocacy for rights of deaf children by working with the Government, NGOs, professionals and families.

Deafness is described as the 'invisible disability'. Parents were not consulted on issues which profoundly affected their lives and future of their deaf children. Since there is little understanding about what being deaf means, families with deaf children were unable to claim their rights from governments and service providers, like other disability groups do. As a consequence the majority of deaf children continued to face an unacceptable future of poverty and disadvantage.

In the past year, VAANI has been working extensively with parents/families of deaf children, and is providing the necessary support to help them come together and lobby for their, and their deaf children's, rights.

VAANI ensures that there is continuous capacity building for the VAANI team, as we believe that it is important for existing skills to be upgraded, and that staff be trained to fulfil the role they have been assigned.

VAANI's Resource Management Officer attended a workshop on Process Documentation for Knowledge Building in Development Initiatives. One of our Resource Teachers was sent to spend a week at a school run by one of our Mentors, Amita Burde. She underwent training on skills required to work with babies at our Early Intervention Centre.

VAANI was registered as a Trust with the Additional Registrar of Assurances in Kolkata on August 9, 2005. Our Registration number is 4257.

1. FCRA 147110904 – SOCIAL – 11.06.09
2. Registered u/s 12A of Income Tax Act –1961
3. Approval under section 80-G (5) of the Income Tax Act,1961
4. Approval under section 35 AC of the Income Tax Act 1961 (100% Exemption)



“Being the President of the group I have realized that I need to change some of my qualities to be a good leader and take the work forward of the deaf children in the State” – P.Zarzolura Hearing Impaired Parents Association of Mizoram (HIPAM) group, Mizoram

In 2012-13, VAANI continued its efforts to meet the needs and expectations of deaf children and their families in the remote areas of Assam, Meghalaya and Mizoram with the support of the Jamshetji Tata Trust.

VAANI’s work always had a special focus on parents who are the primary caregivers for a child and play an important role in their child’s development. Keeping this in mind, emphasis has been laid on building up a cadre of parents and professionals trained on issues around deafness so that the deaf children in VAANI’s projects receive support at home. This in line with VAANI’s vision and mission to ensure that deaf children are included in all aspects of life and are able to live a full and complete life with respect and dignity.



2 Assamese deaf children increase the cuteness quotient at a workshop organised by VAANI

VAANI’s belief of working as a catalyst has led to the strategy of working in partnership with 5 local organisations in the Northeast since October 2007. In the past year, their services have been further strengthened so that deaf children from remote areas are able to avail appropriate services. Efforts for convergence with governmental agencies like the Social Welfare Department, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Health structures have been ongoing to ensure holistic development.

Working with Parents

In November 2012 a regional networking meeting for parents was organised at Barapani (Meghalaya). This was a common platform for parents of deaf children across the three States to interact and network with one another for the first time. Parents’ groups from Mizoram, Meghalaya and Assam met at a common platform, provided by VAANI and tried to understand the importance of jointly addressing common issues concerning their deaf children. The outcome of the meeting was a State-wise road map developed and a timeline set to achieve this.

With a view to further develop identified parent leaders, the Training of Trainers (TOT) workshop for parents in three States was planned and conducted in the months of November and December in Mizoram, Meghalaya and Assam. Inputs were provided on leadership skills and aimed at developing potential parent leaders towards sustaining parents groups which were developing in the states.



Breaking the ICE- A Mizo father introduces his Assamese partner during the Introductory session of the NE Regional Parents Networking Meeting

Major Milestones in the Northeast: 2012-13

- The next level of work with parents and families has led to the formation of two separate parents' groups, one each in the Mizoram and Assam. These parents have started to take on issues affecting their deaf children like disability certification and access of services and schemes.
- At the level of the partner, the staff underwent advanced and specialised trainings and some of them are now assisting VAANI in conducting our training programmes with various government stakeholders like the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and the Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS)
- **Formalisation of our partnership** with the SSA in Assam has resulted in us reaching out directly to **333** beneficiaries (114 SSA Functionaries - Resource Teachers, Resource persons and Volunteers and 219 parents of deaf children).
- In states like Meghalaya and Mizoram, our efforts with SSA and Social Welfare departments continue with specific inputs being provided on both early identification of children as well as provision of skills to teachers. A case in point is the need that the SSA in Mizoram has felt to train teachers and volunteers from districts beyond just Aizawl.
- VAANI launched the reports of the situational assessment studies in the states of Assam and Mizoram. These meetings were attended by various stakeholders from each State's Social Welfare Department and the SSA. In the State of Mizoram, the Chief Minister Shri Lal Thanhawla inaugurated the launch and put forth his views and suggestions for strengthening and scaling up work on deafness.

"We as a parents group can definitely take our own children and also other deaf children forward in life but we have to make our group stronger and for that we need to build our group in the right manner and not in a hasty manner" – Ruth, a mother and leader of the Parents' Group in Meghalaya

Assam- Parent leader presenting her group
DIKHSRUTI



A total of 2054 beneficiaries have been reached through 65 activities across the states of Assam, Meghalaya and Mizoram in the year 2012 - 2013



QUANTITATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS 2012-2013

Type of Activity	No. of Events	Deaf Children	Parents	Professionals	General
Awareness	14	189	228	419	10
Capacity Building	39	81	339	565	0
Networking	8	8	94	35	27
Monitoring	4	0	0	29	0
Total	65	278	661	1048	37

Activities in Assam:

April'12	<p>17 Parents and 8 CBR Workers were provided Inputs and demonstrated the various ways of stimulating speech along with lipreading and signing, thus enabling all participants to understand how total communication can be used for developing vocabulary and thereby language.</p> <p>The activities of 15 CBR Workers of SAROTHI were reviewed and the workers were guided how to keep records of home-visits.</p>
June'12	<p>60 SSA Volunteers were made aware on issues around childhood deafness. They were taught techniques for enhancing communication skills and improving vocabulary of deaf children using all modes of communication with the help of demonstrations, including the preparation of flash cards and their effective use.</p>
July'12	<p>Three one-day awareness programmes were held in the districts of Kamrup, Nalbari and Nagaon which covered 116 parents , 15 deaf children and 29 SSA staff.</p>
August'12	<p>A two-day 'Training of the Trainer' Session was conducted for 12 participants- 2 participants from each partner organisation. The session was on Leadership Skills, Life Skills and Child Rights.</p>
	<p>54 SSA Resource Teachers and Resource Persons (RTs and RPs) in two groups were provided inputs in two-day sessions on more inclusive and barrier-free strategies for hearing impaired (HI) children and class-room management.</p>
	<p>20 RTs and RPs of SSA attended a two-day workshop on Child Rights and Life Skills.</p>
	<p>16 parents of Dikhshrut met at the VAANI Northeast office to discuss about their way forward as a group</p>
September'12	<p>A day's session on 'Communication Barriers of a Deaf Child ' with inputs on signing was conducted for 52 RTs and RPs from all the districts of Assam.</p>
	<p>During the Deaf Awareness Week, 'Family Day' was observed in Guwahati at the Assam State Zoo for 45 parents with their children. 11 workers including SSA volunteers were also present.</p>
	<p>Family Day was also observed with 39 parents, 39 children and 16 SSA functionaries at the Youth Centre in Nagaon.</p>
	<p>Onsite trainings were conducted in 3 blocks (Kathiatoli, Jugijan and Kapili) of Nagaon district for 29 SSA functionaries (volunteers, RTs and RPs) in two batches.</p>
October'12	<p>The film Barfi was screened by VAANI for 150 deaf children and their families.</p>
	<p>Onsite trainings were conducted in 2 batches at Guwahati Urban and Rampur blocks of Kamrup district for 35 SSA functionaries.</p>
	<p>Two onsite trainings were conducted at Paschim Nalbari and Barkhetri blocks of Nalbari district for 15 SSA functionaries.</p>
	<p>A training workshop on 'Enhancing Communication of Deaf Children Through Directed Activity' was conducted for 11 volunteers and 6 parents of SSA at Guwahati and for 16 parents and 7 volunteers of SSA at Nalbari</p>
December'12	<p>A two day 'Training of the Trainer' session was conducted on leadership skills for 19 parents in Guwahati.</p>
	<p>A two-day Parents' Workshop on 'Enhancing Communication' of deaf children through directed activity was conducted at Kathiatoli Block for 17 parents and 13 volunteers.</p>
	<p>A two-day parents workshop on 'Enhancing Communication' of deaf children through directed activity was conducted at Sadar Block for 16 parents and 8 volunteers.</p>
February'13	<p>A two-day workshop was held for 11 RTs and volunteers on TLM Kit at Youth Centre, Nagaon.</p>
	<p>A two-day workshop for 25 RTs and volunteers was held on the TLM Kit at SMO, SSA Kahlipara, Guwahati.</p>

Activities in Meghalaya:

April - May'12	215 Anganwadi workers attended a series of one day workshops in 4 districts. The training included orientation on deafness and identification of deaf children where audio – visuals were also used besides demonstrations.
June'12	Two training workshops were conducted for 24 parents and 16 workers in Nongstoin of the West Khasi Hills district and in Shillong of the East Khasi Hills district on how to improve vocabulary of deaf children using flash cards and all modes of communication. A review was conducted for 35 SSA volunteers on identification and screening. The trainer covered techniques for training with the help of demonstrations using flash cards and all modes of communication to improve a deaf child's vocabulary.
July'12	22 Parents met at SCHHC to discuss about the importance of being in a group and to have an understanding of group dynamics.
August'12	Training Workshop for 22 parents on Communication Skills at Massar
September'12	Deaf Awareness Week Celebration at SCHHC and at Massar.
November'12	Regional Parents Networking Meeting was held at Bethel in Barapani which 8 parents from Meghalaya , 14 from Assam and 17 from Mizoram attended. Training Workshop for 20 parents on Enhancing Communication through directed activity was held in SCHHC, Shillong.
December'12	A one day 'Training of the Trainer' session was conducted for 7 parents in Shillong. Training workshop for 30 SSA volunteers on Communication and Language Development at Don Bosco Youth Centre, Shillong.

Meghalaya - Matching the object to the written word



Activities in Mizoram

April'12	A Training Workshop was conducted for 19 SSA volunteers on Communication Skills and Language at Aizawl.
	2 Training Workshops were conducted for 28 parents from SSA on Communication Skills at Aizawl.
May'12	A Parents' residential workshop was conducted on skills, legal awareness and experience sharing for 35 parents at Berawtlang, Aizawl.
	A workshop on awareness was held for 139 ICDS Workers at Aizawl.
June'12	'Status of a Deaf Children' Report was launched at a seminar.
November'12	A two day 'Training of the Trainer' session was conducted on leadership skills for 19 parents in Aizawl.
December'12	An Awareness Workshop was conducted for 13 parents and 15 SSA functionaries of Kolasib district of Mizoram.
	A Training Workshop on deafness for 15 SSA volunteers of Kolasib district.
	A Training Workshop on Communication and Language was conducted for 31 SSA volunteers of Aizawl and Serchhip districts.
	An evaluation was conducted of 11 teachers of Spastic Society of Mizoram.
	An assessment was done of parents and children in Ferrando Integrated Women Development Centre, Aizawl.

Getting ears checked by an audiologist -
Screening Camp, Mizoram



"Forming this group and being together has taken our fears away from our minds and we have started to believe that our children too have a future. But we need to be careful and work in the right manner in sync with all the members of the group. This will bind our group always and make it stronger" say parents from Dikhshruti, Parents group, Assam.



Assam

SAROTHI

Situated in Nalbari town, 'SAROTHI - a centre for ability development' is an initiative of the Society for Human Development was established in 2007 to support differently abled people. SAROTHI reaches out to children with special needs by providing day-care and home support. VAANI partnered with SAROTHI to enable them to extend their services to deaf children and their families through a Community Based Rehabilitation Project Ability for four blocks - Tihu Barama, Pub Nalbari, Paschim Nalbari and Baksa of the Nalbari district. Sarothi has been a VAANI partner since February 2011 and our work has benefitted **79** deaf children and their families and **15** professionals.

SWABALAMBI

Swabalambi is a cross-disability organisation working in the Dimoria Block of Kamrup district in Assam since 1997. The organisation covers twelve Gaon Panchayats through Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) programmes. VAANI partnered with Swabalambi to take forward the work with deaf children and their families through the project 'Bodhir BikasYojana'. Swabalambi has been a VAANI partner since July 2009 and our work has benefitted **23** deaf children and their families and **7** professionals.

Meghalaya

SCHOOL AND CENTRE FOR THE HEARING HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

Located in Shillong, the School and Centre for the Hearing Handicapped Children (SCHHC) provides special education to **83** children with Speech and Hearing Impairment of various types and degrees through speech therapy and training in acquisition of language, speech, reading and sign language. SCHHC is equipped with 8 Trained Special Educators, a Speech Therapist-cum-Audiologist and an Ear-mould Technician. A VAANI partner since December 2009, SCHHC's project with VAANI is on "Empowerment of Parents & Special Educators of Children with Hearing Impairment (CWHI)" and includes **83** deaf children.

Mizoram

FERRANDO INTEGRATED WOMEN DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

The organisation covers the four districts of Mizoram, namely Aizawl, Lawngtlai, Saiha and Champhai, providing services to recovering drug users, alcoholics, and sex workers, those infected with HIV and other vulnerable women and children in society. Wishing to reach out to the hearing impaired children in the villages of Durtlang, Sihphir and Bawngkawn, a partnership with VAANI was established in November 2009, impacting the lives of **24** deaf children and their families, and **9** professionals.

SPASTIC SOCIETY OF MIZORAM

The Spastics Society of Mizoram has been working for the welfare of disabled children providing care, protection and rehabilitation services to both the individual and the community. To provide effective services to deaf children in Mizoram, the Spastic Society of Mizoram partnered with VAANI and took up the 'Malsawm Project for Hearing Impaired' to meet the needs of deaf children and their families and help them be included in mainstream society. SSOM has been a VAANI partner since November 2009 and our work has benefitted **52** deaf children and their families and **11** professionals.



Learning to communicate





VAANI works directly with deaf children in four wards in the slums of Kolkata through our Kolkata Metropolitan Project. VAANI also works across two states of West Bengal and Jharkhand through 5 separate partners:-

1. Jharkhand

- Hazaribagh Sadar and Katkam Sandi in Hazaribagh district through Nav Bharat Jagriti Kendra, NBJK
- Dumka Sadar and Katikund under Dumka district through NBJK

- Rania block under Khunti district through Sindurtola Gramoyada Vikas Vidyalaya (SGVV)
- Bagodar block in Giridih district under through Banwasi Vikash Ashram (BVA)

2. In West Bengal, VAANI works in

- Pandua block under Hooghly district, through Pandua Partibandhi Kalyan Samiti (PPKS)
- Siliguri under North Bengal through North Bengal Rehabilitation Society (NBHRS)



VAANI Resource Teacher with deaf children

“The training provided by VAANI and NBHRS has brought about an immense change in the life of my boy and our family,” says Rupali, mother of Shubranil Mukherjee in Siliguri.

Significant Outcomes

VAANI Beneficiary Table :

	Partners	Deaf children (Achieved)	Families / Parents (Achieved)	Community workers/teachers/ govt workers/ DPO members
Jharkhand (Under Paul Hamlyn Foundation)	NBJK	53	105	115
	BVA			
	SGVV			
West Bengal (Under Paul Hamlyn Foundation)	PPKS	79	159	25
	NBHRS			
	SSA Silliguri	61	126	22
KMP	VAANI's Direct Programme	66		
Total		193	390	162

VAANI was able to train 552 parents and professionals across both states throughout the year. Training plans were adapted to the needs of each beneficiary group, and training conducted on the basis of VAANI's 6 module training course.



All we need is love!

Selection of potential resource persons:

39 potential resource persons (parents and professionals) have been identified and trained from amongst our six VAANI partner sites in West Bengal and Jharkhand. VAANI hopes that our proposed advanced trainings for resource persons will lead to transference of skills and increase the knowledge and skill base within each partner. This would help to sustain institutional learning and manpower development.

- During the year VAANI selected and appointed a partner trainer from each of its six sites to help in the transference of skills to organisational staff and beneficiaries, contributing towards the knowledge and skill base within the organization.
- VAANI has collaborated with the NRHM, Jharkhand and proposed five district-level training workshops for ASHA workers on early identification for deaf babies and infants. NRHM has proposed this part of their Annual Action plan for the year 2013-14.
- VAANI has entered into a technical partnership with Prakash Kunj, an organisation that has around 26 hearing impaired children to whom they provide educational support. They have expressed their interest in conducting parent programs with VAANI's support.

Kolkata Metro Project:

In Kolkata city VAANI has been working with deaf children across slums in West Bengal since 2010. VAANI has set up community based resource centers which cater to educational, health, social and emotional development of 66 children within the age group of 0-14 years. Similarly, parents and guardians of children receive both personalized and group training skills that help them in handling their children at home. The project aims at strengthening communication, social relations and ties between the deaf children and the family, neighborhood and community at large. This initiative is supported by individual sponsorships from Friends of VAANI, with some support from Give India

The project's main objectives are to:

- Ensure that all deaf children aged between 0-14 years have access to diagnosis, early stimulation and education
- Raise awareness of the issues surrounding the primary education of deaf children
- Raise the expectations of parents and the wider community from the deaf children
- Help parents and the wider community to understand the value of educating the deaf child

Based on these objectives, the significant outcomes met during the year were in KMP were:

Ward No	Distribution of children
62	16
56	11
59	16
65	23
Total	66

VAANI supports 66 profoundly deaf children across its four centers and 132 parents. A majority of these children are school going (56) with about 38% of these children attending centers from neighbouring districts like North and South 24 Paraganas and Howrah district who access the center owing to a dearth of quality driven services for deaf children within their districts. The parents at our meetings have said that it is important for them to bring their children to the centers, as it ensures that their children do not drop out of school, while also helping parents communicate better with their child.

84 % (56 out of 66) of the deaf children registered with our KMP access some form of educational service. The children who are not attending school are mainly deaf babies and infants who access our centers and those whose parents wish to admit their children into English medium schools. VAANI assists them in the preparatory phase as well as facilitates admission into schools. The ratio of female to male children is 41:59.

Work with Parents:

Regular meetings and trainings with parents on a one-to-one basis and in groups, has resulted in many parents valuing the services being provided by VAANI. This is evident from the fact that many parents attend regular weekly IEP sessions as well as come together for their monthly meeting. Awareness building through these activities has resulted in parents understanding and accessing services guaranteed by the Government of India. 70% of all our children possess disability certificates and access services and schemes. 11.2 % are younger children below 5 years of age hence not eligible for certificates yet, while certificates are being processed for the remaining 19% of deaf children. The need for developing identity proofs especially in case of slum based population migrating from states like Bihar and UP poses a challenge. VAANI through its networking with National Institute of Hearing Impairment and accompanied visits being made with the parents and

children has helped bridge the gap, with many more new children receiving their disability certificates.

BIKASH is the parent group under the KMP comprising of 27 parent leaders and members, who are responsible for motivating new parents and discussing issues pertaining to the needs of their deaf children. 11 of these parents have taken up significant roles/ designations within the group, and the members meet regularly on the second Thursday of every month. Along with organising social outings, the parents also arrange for vocational or extracurricular training to motivate the children.



Parents at a training workshop

Using signing as a mode of communication



In the coming year VAANI's plans are to:

1. Support community based resource centers for preparing coaching deaf children
2. Start two early intervention centers catering to a programme for deaf infants and babies and their families to cover identification, screening and early literacy or pre- school support
3. Facilitate the social and emotional development of our children by introducing a range of extra-curricular activities
4. Build leadership and participation skills within deaf children through the formation of a children' group to partner in the change process
5. Build awareness in medical facilities and hospitals in an effort to build a pathway for referring deaf babies and infants to our early intervention centers.

West Bengal Event Details:

Project	Training workshops	Parent Meetings	Awareness Workshops
PPKS	6	3	2
NBHRS	7	1	0
KMP	4	16	

Jharkhand Event Details:

Partner	Training workshops	Parent meetings	Awareness Workshops
NBJK Hazaribagh	8	6	1
NBJK Dumka	8	1	1
Banwasi Vikas Ashram	5	2	0
SGVV	8	2	1

“When God takes away something he blesses you with something else. There is always a way for everybody. VAANI has helped sharpen my children's reading skills as well as their vocabulary and phonetics and that now there is no looking back in their progress” says Raziya, mother of Sahani and Mohin, at the CHIP Resource Centre.



West Bengal :

Pandua Pratibandi Kalyan Samity (PPKS) : Established in 2001, primarily with the objective of working with malnourished children, the Hooghly based NGO has been a VAANI partner since 2010.

In the course of their work, several children with disabilities were identified and PPKS began to organize intervention programmes for them. The central office is housed in a building given to them on a minimal rent by a gentleman whose father was deaf. At present it works in 2 Gram Panchayats in Pandua block in the Hooghly District of West Bengal - Pandua and Gram Boinchi. It provides services for 25 deaf children and their families.

North Bengal Handicapped Rehabilitation Society, Siliguri : In existence since 1988, the institute has well-trained staff and conducts classes for Prep 4 and standards 1 to 8. There are over 120 deaf children on the rolls. The children continue their higher education through the open school, from a study centre in Siliguri.

A VAANI partner since December 2010, it provides services for 111 children and their families.

NBHRS is recognised by the Mass Education Extension Dept, Govt. of W.B. It is also the Study Centre of Netaji Open University & IGNOU, New Delhi for B.Ed and Special Education in HI and MR. NBHRS works with HI, CP, MR and Autistic children.

Jharkhand:

Nav Bharat Jagriti Kendra : Working in the disability sector for about 5 years, NBJK runs four main projects with separate objectives and a set of activities targeting various age groups of children, youth and adults.

Their registered office lies in the district of Hazaribagh, with branch offices in Dumka, Deoghar, Giridhi, Khunti, Koderma, Pakur, Palamu and Ranchi spread across Jharkhand and Bihar.

The organisation works on five broad thematic areas viz. Education, Health, Socio economic development, Advocacy & Networking.

A VAANI partner since April 2011, NBJK provides services for 42 deaf children and their families. Thus far they have identified 649 deaf children in Hazaribagh and Dumka and they have a pool of 68 CBR workers/teachers.

Sindurtola Gramodaya Vikas Vidyalaya (SGVV) :

Established in 1978 the organisation focuses on activities involving women empowerment, health, and agriculture promotion. SGVV has been working for People with Disabilities (PWD) for the last 10 years in Raniya & Khunti Block of Khunti District; Jharkhand.

SGVV caters to the needs of PWDs in 40 villages of Raniya Block with a plan to extend the program to another 27 villages and other blocks of Khunti District.

28 deaf children and 56 parents have been identified so far in its area of operation. The organisation has 8 CBR workers, who have been trained on issues affecting disabled children.

SGVV has been a VAANI partner since January 2012, providing services for 17 deaf children and their families.

Banawasi Vikash Ashram (BVA) : Established in 1990, BVA works with female children and women. BVA has 33 CBR workers working in Giridih, Kodarma, Hazaribagh and Chatra. They run non-residential bridge courses for young girls in two blocks under SSA in Bagodar and Deori blocks.

The organisation is funded by the SSA and has linkages with about 120 schools and their teachers in the Bagodar block besides running a home based programme.

Additionally their programmes focus on awareness building of Village Education Committee (VEC) and Block level parents association, all contributing towards developing a more enabling environment for Children with Special Needs (CwSN). BVA has been a VAANI partner since Jan 2012, providing services for 27 deaf children and their families.



Caption Required - 4 (Jharkhand)



VAANI, Deaf Children's Foundation works entirely with donations and grants received from well-wishers and institutions, depending on support for its activities.

Along with actual fund-raising, the VAANI team spends a lot of time spreading awareness about our pursuits and on issues around childhood deafness. In the last year, VAANI came into the limelight quite a few times in the year 2012-13, winning awards and glowing reviews.

VAANI won the eNGO award for Advocacy For this category, nominations were solicited from NGOs who have adopted Information and Communication Technology (ICT) including new and social media to advocate issues of wider civil society, development and governance concerns including education, health, livelihood, women issues, child issues, corruption, good governance, environment and other critical areas.

VAANI registered at the TCS World 10K Run, held on May 27, 2012, in Bangalore. VAANI was represented by Sandhya Srinivasan, Deputy Director, VAANI and two other Friends of VAANI. 5 other Friends of VAANI did VAANI proud in the 5K Majja Run, creating some excitement wearing the beautiful Little Vani t-shirts.

VAANI was adjudged one of the Top-Rated Nonprofits for 2012 by GreatNonprofits, the leading provider of user reviews about non-profit organizations. This award is special to VAANI as it was based on the large number of positive reviews that VAANI received from volunteers, donors and Friends of VAANI.

"We are excited to be named a Top-Rated 2012 Nonprofit," says Mrs. Brinda Crishna, Chairperson, VAANI, Deaf Children's Foundation. We are proud of our accomplishments this year, which include becoming one of the regional finalists at the India NGO Awards 2012 and at the eNGO Challenge 2012.

Painting by a deaf child



The faces of VAANI - it is them that we work for!



Deaf Awareness Week at VAANI

The week is celebrated worldwide usually in the last week of September, with World Deaf Day being the last Saturday of the month.

VAANI celebrated from September 24 to September 30, 2012 in all states where we have projects running currently: Assam, West Bengal, Mizoram, Meghalaya and Jharkhand. The theme for the activities planned for the week was 'Together We Can'. The VAANI team organised events for deaf children and their families and conducted training workshops for families of deaf children, and for professionals working with deaf children.

One of the objectives of all our activities during this week was to spread awareness about this invisible disability among the wider community through various activities

and programmes. VAANI believes that communication between deaf children and their families, their peers and their teachers is of prime importance. Accordingly, all activities that were planned for this week stressed on different means of communication with deaf children and the importance of coming together to make a difference, creating partnerships and building networks.

A significant part of the celebrations has always remained the **VAANI Family Day**. A large section of parents of deaf children do not learn to communicate with their deaf children. VAANI's organises Family Day annually with all the deaf children we work with, as an opportunity for them to bond with their parents, leave their worries behind, and have fun together. It is also a platform for parents of deaf children to share their experiences and connect with each other.



Assam-Children in awe of the trick performer during Deaf Awareness Week at Guwahati in September'12

"I'm not giving this balloon" - at the Alipore Zoo during Deaf Awareness Week in Kolkata, September'12

We house a lot of talents - one of them at display (by one of the deaf children from the Kolkata Metro Project)



EVENT DETAILS:

Assam	
A seminar on 22 September	Organised by the Government Deaf School in Kahilipara, this seminar was on the topic - "Communication Options for the Deaf"
23 September - Show on All India Radio - Assamese	All India Radio – Assamese, broadcasted a piece at 7:15 am mentioning the significance of the activities being organised by VAANI as part of the DAW celebrations.
Family Day in Nagaon	97 participants, including deaf children and parents, came from 8 blocks to spend a day filled with activities like an art competition for the children, spoon and marble race and musical chair for the parents and well as the children. The prizes were distributed by the District Project Officer of Nagaon. Human puppets dressed as famous cartoon characters entertained the children the whole day.
Family Day in Kamrup	Family Day was held on 29 September for 100 participants in association with our local partner organisation Swabalambi. The day was spent at the Assam State Zoo where a magic show enthralled the children. The day began with a "Go as You Like" where children were dressed in various costumes which added to the various fun games that had been organised for them.
Family Day in Guwahati	VAANI held a special screening of the movie Barfi for 200 people including deaf children, their families and a few friends and well-wishers of VAANI. The free screening was held at GOLD Cinema, L.G.Towers, Narangi Tiniali, Guwahati. Thank-you GOLD Cinema for this kind and thoughtful gesture!
Family Day at Nalbari	VAANI partner SAROTHI at Nalbari organised the Family Day with a cultural programme and an art competition for the deaf children and their families in their district.
Meghalaya	
Family Day in Shillong	Family Day was celebrated on 27 September with the deaf children of the School and Centre for Hearing Handicapped Children, Shillong. A magic show was held for the children.
Cultural Programme by SCHHC	A cultural programme on 28 September by the children of SCHHC, displaying their talents.
Educational trip for children	An educational trip was arranged by the school to the Don Bosco Museum. The school also organised a get-together for the parents of deaf children in Massar with games and lunch.



"We are gratified by VAANI for its work," said Perla Ni, CEO of GreatNonprofits, "They deserve to be discovered by more donors and volunteers who are looking for a great non-profit to support."

Mizoram	
Friendship games with hearing children	The Spastic Society of Mizoram (one of our local partners in Mizoram), organised friendship games between the deaf children of Spastic Society of Mizoram and students of RK Middle School & Presbyterian English Medium School , both from Zemabawk area, which are regular schools of Aizawl.
Awareness activities	SSOM organised an awareness activity for the government doctors and audiologists in Mizoram. Ferrando Integrated Women Development Centre (Peace Home) organised an awareness drive by distributing leaflets, posters and flags to truck drivers, working people and general public on 25 and 26 September to give visibility to the cause of childhood deafness.
Family Day	FIWDC organised a picnic for the deaf children and their parents.
Jharkhand	
Training workshops	Training workshops were organised for parents of deaf children during the week in Jharkhand through our partners Sindurtola Gramodaya Vikas Vidyalaya (SGVV) and Nav Bharat Jagriti Kendra (NBJK).
Partners' Meet - East	Two representatives from each VAANI partner in the East came together on 24 September for 2 days of interaction with each other at the VAANI Annual Partners' Meet – East.
Family Day - NBJK	A painting competition was organised in Dumka. In Hazaribagh, 50 parents spent a day at the Hazaribagh Cafeteria, an amusement park. One of the parents sponsored the toy train ride.
West Bengal	
Family Day in Siliguri	VAANI organised its first Family Day in association with Sarva Shiksha Mission for 120 participants including deaf children, their parents and SSM workers. A painting competition was organised. Children and their parents were taken to the North Bengal Science Museum for an educational tour.
Family Day	160 people, including deaf children and their families went for a Family Day at the Alipore Zoo on 26 September. The children were awestruck looking at animals which they had thus far seen in pages of their books in front of them! A lot of signing went on between the children as they spotted one animal after another whose signs they knew by heart. What made the day special was when one of the baby giraffes broke into a dance, and jumped around in excitement seeing so many happy faces around its cage!
Annual Meet for Parents of Deaf Children - Kolkata	A group of 60 parents of deaf children met on 29 September for a session on the need for networking and the formation of support groups to help them in bringing up their deaf children. The Frank Anthony Public School very generously allowed VAANI to use its auditorium, which was abuzz with parents sharing their experiences with each other enthusiastically. The need for coming together to fight for the rights of their deaf children was voiced and it was great to see parents exchanging telephone numbers to stay in touch.



Resource Mobilisation and Awareness - in Pictures



Assam - Deaf Awareness Week at Nagaon

West Bengal - Family Day at the Alipore Zoo, Kolkata



Painting by a deaf child



Painting by a deaf child



Ambassadors of VAANI at the TCS World 10K Run, Bangalore (2012)



Art Show

Brinda Crishna, Director VAANI, Deaf Children's Foundation and Jyotsna David, artist and wife of VAANI Trustee Krupakaran S David, VAANI chose to put up their works of art for sale in support of VAANI. The art exhibition 'Capturing Moments in Watercolour' was held from 1-3 March at Gallery Gold near Menoka Cinema in Kolkata. The sale/exhibition of the art show was very successful and VAANI received a huge percentage of the proceeds from the sale. Thank-you Brinda and Jyotsna for beginning a trend. We do hope other friends of VAANI will also undertake such activities in the future.

Seminar in Mizoram

A seminar was conducted in Mizoram to launch the study on 'The Status of Deaf Children in Mizoram' in June 2012 at the Information and Public Relations Auditorium in Aizawl. The Honourable Chief Minister Shri Lal Thanhawla consented to be the Chief Guest at this seminar which was attended by dignitaries from the Government of Mizoram and prominent NGOs active in the State.



Capturing Moments in Watercolours - Art Show in Kolkata (2013)



The Honourable Chief Minister of Mizoram speaks at the Seminar organised by VAANI (2012)



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Child participation through a formation of a children's group

VAANI believes in comprehensive rights and entitlements of deaf children and views a child as an equal partner and change agent in bringing forth awareness on deafness in one's own family, community and society at large. To be able to achieve this, fostering a sense of participation and developing leadership integral to the rights of children is being proposed through a series of activities like needs assessment exercise, consultative meetings with children and trainings on life skills and leadership building. VAANI aims to develop the first children's group comprising of deaf children in the city of Kolkata. We hope through this group to motivate other deaf children to join a group where they could find a safe space to share their needs, express their opinions and collectively find ways of bringing forth a positive change in their lives.

Early Intervention Center

A need identified by VAANI very early in our work, has been to help support infants, toddlers and young children with services that could help them develop to their fullest potential in regard to their cognitive and behavioural development. VAANI plans to set up two Early Intervention Centres (EIC) in Kolkata and Guwahati. Both these EICs will extend holistic services to deaf babies and infants through a team of well trained and specialised professionals. Services like identifying deaf babies, conducting non-formal assessments for the identified deaf children, provision of nutritional supplementation and training and counseling to help parents deal better with their deaf child will be provided through the centers. Additionally, activities to reinforce these services like audiological/diagnostic tests, provision of assistive devices and attaining disability certificates will be done through a referral strategy with a well-established network of government and private service providers.



Inauguration of CHIP house in Kolkata



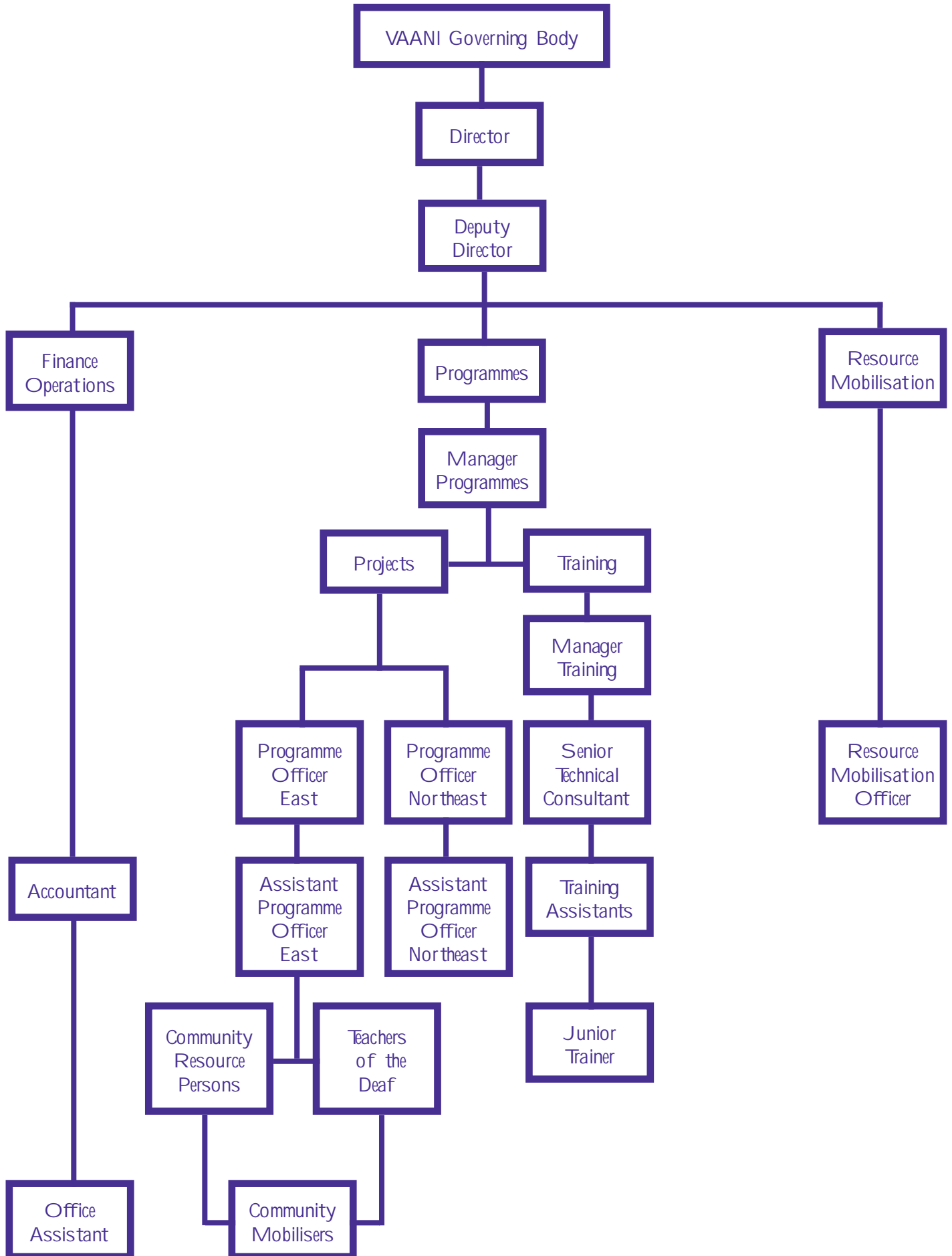
CHIP details

Address - CHIP House. 197/7A, Gobinda Khotick Road, Tangra, Kolkata – 700 046

Child In Pain (CHIP) runs a Montessori school for children in the Tangra area of Kolkata and they have offered VAANI space for a resource centre there. Deaf children come here from Wards 56 and 62.

L to R - Ajita Gohain, Uma Nandi Mazumder
and Inky Sen, in the Northeast Office





Akhil Paul

Chair | 48 years
 Founder Director of Sense International (India)
 B.Sc | MSW | PG Diploma in Multiple Disabilities (Perkins USA)

Former Vice President of Deafblind International (DBI) |
 Founder Member of the Board of the National Trust

Akhil has been a very effective Chairperson of VAANI since its inception in 2005. He has been a sounding board for the VAANI team with his understanding of the development sector and Government linkages.

Ms. Indrani Roy

Vice Chair | 71 years
 Social Development Worker
 MA, English, Calcutta University

Secretary to the Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy (1987 to 2002) | PeaceWorks Coordinator, Seagull Foundation for the Arts (2003 to 2009)

Currently Member of the Governing Body of Tomorrow's Foundation | Independent Director of NDTV since 2004

Indrani has been a very active Vice Chair, always ready with advice and suggestions. She has a very clear view of the larger picture and the direction for VAANI's growth.

Mr C A Mohan

Trustee | 60 years
 Managing Director, J Thomas & Company Pvt Ltd
 B. Com. | FCA

Expertise in Accounts, Finance, Computers

The newest member of the Governing Body, Mohan is also the one who is most connected with VAANI's day-to-day functioning as our Financial Consultant.

Anand Mandapaka

Trustee | 54 years
 BA in Pol Sc (Hons)
 Director, Green Cube Infotech Pvt Ltd.

Anand has 30 years' experience in the Information Technology sector and supports VAANI with its infrastructure and information systems.

Dr Arundhati Gupta

Trustee | 46 years
 Development Consultant
 PhD

Independent consultant with:
 The Global Development Network | Ashoka: Innovators for the Public (USA) | Global Fund for Children (USA) | Paul Hamlyn Foundation (UK).

With her experience in the development sector, Arundhati is the Trustee we at VAANI turn towards whenever we need to network with other NGOs or have an internal evaluation of our activities.

Krupakaran S David

Trustee | 66 years
 Retired Managing Director, Goodricke Group Limited
 Trustee, Future Hope | Director, West Bengal Tea Corporation Ltd, Govt. of W.B

B.Sc from University of Nagpur

Member Governing Council, East India Charitable Trust

Krupa takes his role as Trustee very seriously and keeps the VAANI team scrambling for answers during Governing Body meetings.

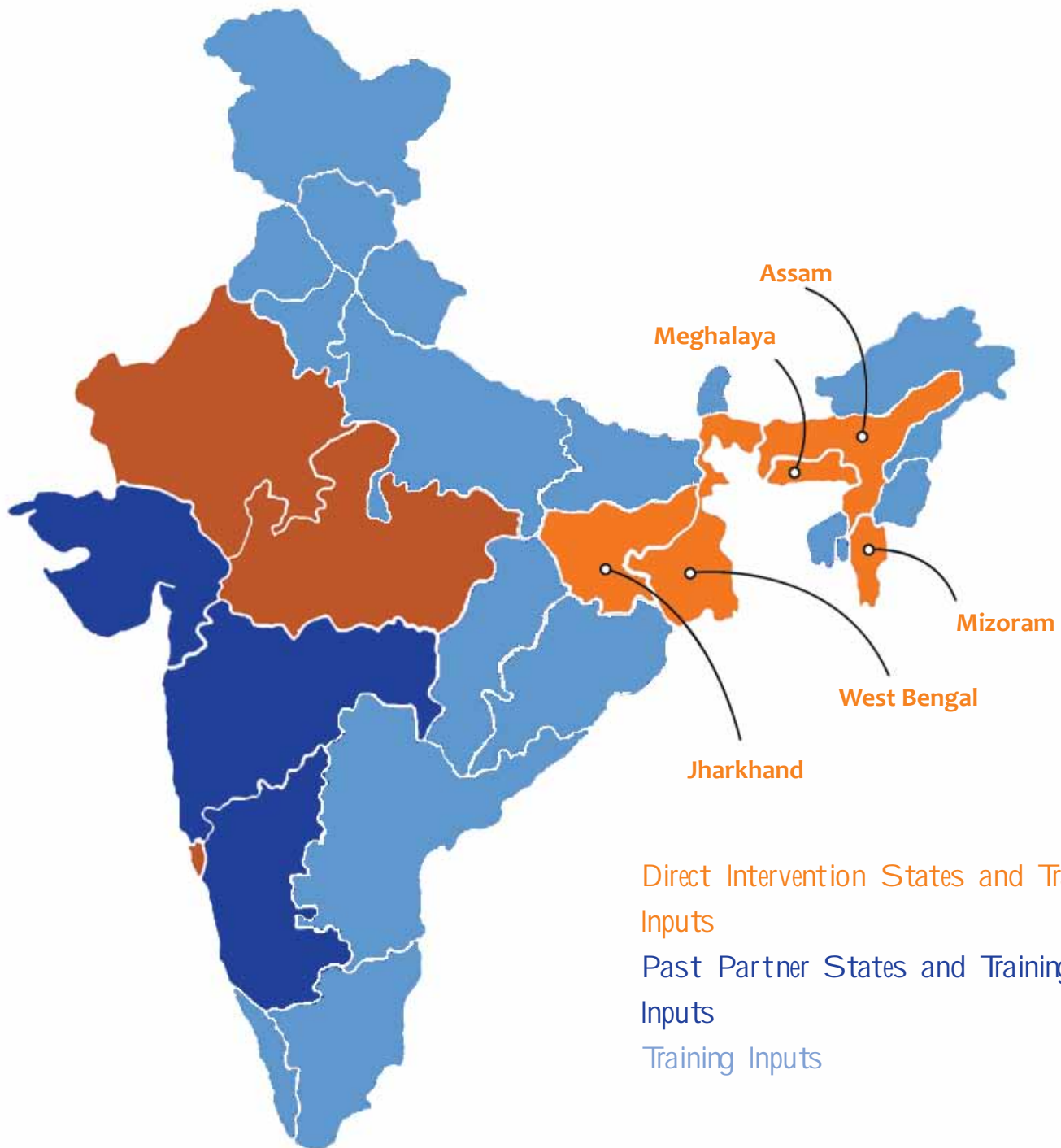
Brinda Crishna

Secretary | 60 years
 Founder/Director - VAANI, Deaf Children's Foundation

M.Ed. (Special Ed.), Manchester University, U.K. | B.Ed. | B.A. (English Honours) | Research Fellowship at University of Newcastle, UK | Counselling Concepts and Communication Skills | PASSING: 'Program Analysis of Service System' Implication of Normalisation Goals

Brinda is the Founder Secretary of VAANI and has ably guided VAANI from strength to strength. While increasingly active at a macro-level in VAANI, she always has the time for minor issues in the organisation.





Direct Intervention States and Training Inputs

Past Partner States and Training Inputs

Training Inputs

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Guwahati 781003
Phone: (91) 361 2666015

VAANI Resource Centres (Kolkata) :

- Ward 59: Gobra Flying Star Club; 28, Mahendra Ray Lane; Kolkata 700 046.
- CHIP House, 29/7A, Govinda Khatik Road, Kolkata 700046
- Ward 65: Tiljala Sporting Club; 103, Tiljala Road; Kolkata 700 046.

Details of Trustees as on 31.03.2013

Name	Position on Board	No. of meetings attended	Remuneration and reimbursements in Rs.
Mr. Akhil S Paul	Chairperson	0	0
Mr. Krupakaran Satish David	Trustee	2	0
Ms. Indrani Roy	Trustee	2	0
Mr. Anand Mandapaka	Trustee	2	0
Ms. Arundhati Gupta	Trustee	2	0
Mr. C A Mohan	Trustee	2	0

Remuneration and reimbursement to Ms. Brinda Crishna (Secretary to the Trust):

Honorarium: Rs. 33816/-

Intenational Travel : Nil

Domestic Travel : Rs.5718/-

Local Conveyance : Nil

Entertainment expenses : Nil

Others : Rs.27814/-

Amount Reimbursed to Other Board members:

Intenational Travel : Nil

Domestic Travel : Nil

Local Conveyance : Nil

Entertainment expenses : Nil

Others : Nil

Trustee Board Meetings Dates

- 17.07.2012
- 14.03.2013

VAANI Staff	Name	Designation	Remuneration (in Rs.)
Operational Head of the organisation: (including honorarium)	Brinda Crishna	Secretary	Rs 33816
Highest paid person in the organisation (staff or consultant)	Sandhya Srinivasan	Deputy Director	Rs 527120
Lowest paid person in the organisation (staff or consultant)	Bikram Rajak	Office Assistant	Rs 56516

Distribution of staff according to salary levels as on 31.03.2013

Slab of gross salary plus benefits (Rs per month)	Male (Nos)	Female (Nos)	Total (Nos)
>5000			
5,000 - 10,000	5	2	7
10,000 - 25,000	3	2	5
25,000 - 50,000	1	4	5
Total	9	8	17

Total cost of international travel by all personnel (including volunteers) and Board members - NIL

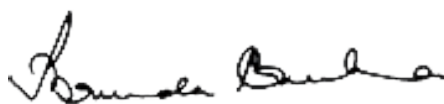
We have audited the attached Balance Sheet of VAANI DEAF CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION , 4G, Tiljala Road, Kolkata 700 048 as at 31st March, 2013 and the Income and Expenditure Account and the Receipts & Payments Account for the year ended on that date relating to **Consolidated Account**. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Trust's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

1. We conducted our audit in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in India. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.
2. We further report that:
 - a. We have obtained all the information and explanation, which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit.
 - b. In our opinion, the Trust as required by law has kept proper books of account so far as appears from our examination of those books.
 - c. The Balance Sheet, the Income & Expenditure Account and the Receipt & Payment Account referred to in this report are in agreement with the books of account.
 - d. In our opinion the Balance Sheet, the Income and Expenditure Account and the Receipt & Payment Account dealt with by the report are in compliance with the accounting standards as applicable.
 - e. In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us read with the notes appearing in Schedule 41 the said Balance Sheet, the Income and Expenditure Account and the Receipt & Payment Account give a true and fair view in conformity with the Accounting Principles generally accepted in India:
 - I. In the case of Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs of the Trust as at 31st March, 2013
 - II. In the case of Income and Expenditure Account, of the Deficit on Expenditure over Income for the year ended on that date.

And

- III. In the case of Receipts & Payments Account, of the receipts and payments of the Trust during the year ended on that date.

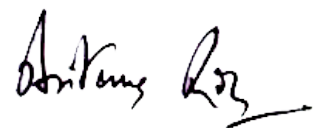
For VAANI, Deaf Children's Foundation



Brinda Crishna
Director
Date: July 3, 2013
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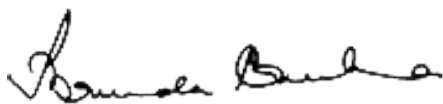
Assets

Assets	Amount (Rs.) as on 31.03.2012	Amount (Rs.) as on 31.03.2013
Fixed Assets	2,61,516.57	2,35,798.31
Jamsetji Tata Trust	1,77,385.36	98,583.27
Paul Hamlyn Foundation	780,755.25	732,579.00
Currents Assets : Loans & Advances	12,48,494.39	1,76,710.10
Cash & Bank Balances	23,25,622.95	21,48,431.72
	47,93,774.52	33,92,102.40

Liabilities

Liabilities	Amount (Rs.) as on 31.03.2012	Amount (Rs.) as on 31.03.2013
General Fund	37,77,043.40	24,48,747.62
Jamsetji Tata Trust	1,77,385.36	98,583.27
Paul Hamlyn Foundation	780,755.25	732,579.00
Current Liabilities & Provisions	58,590.51	1,12,192.51
	47,93,774.52	33,92,102.40

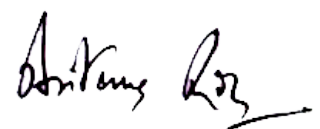
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Income

Income Particulars	Amount (Rs.) as on 31.03.2012	Amount (Rs.) as on 31.03.2013
Grants & Donations	1,19,04,934.93	93,66,091.62
Other Income	2,01,301.31	2,50,161.75
Excess of Expenditure over Income	-	11,24,453.39
TOTAL	1,21,06,236.24	1,07,40,706.76
Deficit Transferred to General Fund for Adjustment		13,13,616.40
		13,13,616.40

Expenditure

Expenditure Particulars	Amount (Rs.) as on 31.03.2012	Amount (Rs.) as on 31.03.2013
Human Resource	14,52,417.17	21,65,333.75
Administrative & other Exp	7,66,019.61	6,65,188.82
Other Program Exp	2,17,565.00	1,03,617.13
Jamsetji Tata Trust	3,75,453.10	3,06,481.00
Axis Bank Foundation	8,75,872.00	-
Child Care Health & Development	2,73,059.00	50,229.00
Paul Hamlyn Foundation	21,26,307.33	-
Kolkata Metro Project	-	5,73,237.00
SSA Project	-	8,54,989.00
Information Dissemination & Fund Raising	1,13,405.00	2,12,208.00
Depreciation	54,940.32	62,685.81
Excess of Income Over Expenditure	24,72,118.71	
TOTAL	1,21,06,236.24	77,52,304.51
Excess of Expenditure over Income		11,24,453.39
Prior Period Adjustment		1,89,163.01
		13,13,616.40

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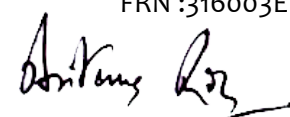


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Receipts	Amount (Rs.) as on 31.03.2012	Amount (Rs.) as on 31.03.2013
Opening Cash & Bank	2,768,618.84	40,01,627.94
Grants & Donation	1,02,59,903.50	90,08,730.37
Other Receipts	7,03,726.37	8,64,825.65
Loan & Advances	6,67,144.00	11,95,236.00
Total Receipts	1,43,99,392.71	1,50,70,419.96

Payments	Amount (Rs.) as on 31.03.2012	Amount (Rs.) as on 31.03.2013
Human Resource	17,93,635.17	2,74,646.15
Administrative & other Exp	9,20,958.79	9,58,146.07
Other Program Exp	2,17,565.00	89,668.00
Jamsetji Tata Trust	34,77,061.10	26,36,330.00
Axis Bank Foundation	7,20,622.00	-
Kolkata Metro Project	-	5,73,237.00
SSA Project	-	4,17,373.00
Child Care Health & Development	22,996.00	50,229.00
Paul Hamlyn Foundation	21,26,307.33	2,77,999.71
Information Dissemination & Fundraising	1,13,405.00	2,12,208.00
Fixed Assets	25,910.00	28,754.00
Advance to Partners/Staff	3,500.00	-
Loan & Advances	-	13,64,901.00
Other Payment	9,61,125.00	3,07,443.00
Closing Cash & Bank Balance	40,16,307.32	29,05,672.03
Payments Total	1,43,99,392.71	1,50,70,419.96

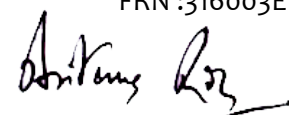
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'Don't call deaf people dumb. If they cannot hear, how will they speak?'

Don't call deaf people dumb. If you know deaf cannot hear, how will they speak? says Sandeep Verma, assistant trainer and deaf role model at Vaani, a deaf child-rehabilitation. Though his words are not clearly shaped and conveyed partly through writing and communicated by an interpreter, the message is clear: don't add insult to injury.

Sandeep feels at home in his present job. Before becoming a trainer to deaf children, he worked as a stained glass artist, a music teacher and an accountant. "At times, it was difficult being in these roles as the strength of the work piece was not accommodating. People don't always have the patience to speak slowly and loudly for us to understand," Sandeep says.

Sandeep passionately explains that deaf children are intelligent and hardworking. "A lot of practice is needed to bring it out exactly what my mother made me do," Sandeep adds.

According to him, the development of technology and easy access to computers, internet, mobile phones and the likes has made life much simpler for the deaf in the country today as compared to 35 years back. "We're old, we're old and are active on Facebook! It has helped the deaf community get connected better to share problems, at least in urban cities, and even the hearing people know more about us now."



► Sandeep Verma with Vaani, Kolkata. SANDHEEP VERMA/VAANI

Hindustan Times, Kolkata, April 1 2013 ^

< The Telegraph, Kolkata 2012

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A special day in animal world
 Vaani, a foundation for hearing impaired children, organised a family fun day at Alipore zoo on September 26 to mark the Deaf Awareness Week. The little kids had a great time watching and knowing about their favourite animals

प्रभात खबर

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Survey finds loopholes in govt's scheme for deaf kids

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RANCHI: State education minister Baidyanath Ram has praised a survey conducted by an NGO, VAANI, on the problems faced by deaf children in Jharkhand.

VAANI works towards bridging the gap between parents and children with hearing disability through the use of sign language across India.

The survey report, which was handed over to Ram at Hotel Ashok on Monday, highlighted the loopholes in the state machinery that were preventing special children from coming into the mainstream. The minister added that in the soon-to-be-passed disability bill, he will look into bringing solutions to these problems.

In its study in four districts of Jharkhand, namely Hazaribagh, Dumka, Khunti and Giridih, VAANI has assessed the status of deaf children and identified gaps in services and facilities offered through various government and private agencies. It found that there is no state-level research available on the number of children with hearing impairment and the services provided to them. In fact, the data provided by different agencies are different. A majority of deaf children were not part of inclusive education.

The government's contribution towards helping these children in these districts was also poor. From early intervention to the existence of a vocational training institute, nothing is available in these districts.

While Khunti lacks a school for the-deaf, there was one such school in each of the other districts. There is also an acute lack of teachers to train the children in sign language and thus help them grow intellectually.

"Deafness is the least visible of all disabilities. As a result, it is often not identified early," said Brinda Chisham, director, VAANI. "Deafness leads to speech problems and this hampers the communication between the child and parents."

Human resource development minister Baidyanath Ram (left) watches a dance performance by deaf children during a seminar on "Status of Deaf Children in Jharkhand" in Ranchi on Monday.

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	Jamsetji Tata Trust	27,85,000
	Paul Hamlyn Foundation	29,40,226
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	Give India	62,355



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“Like the silent disability that they are working on, VAANI, has silently succeeded in making a huge impact for the deaf, especially children. I have seen them work in the Northeast of India and the work they are doing is highly commendable. The members that I have come in touch with have left successful careers in other fields to make the world a better place for the deaf. Such is their passion. The work they do is very relevant”. – Review on www.greatnonprofits.org

Joseph Bordoloi, 6 and a half years, Assam

Joseph Bordoloi from Halflong, Assam, is an energetic 6 and a half year old boy who fancies cars and loves to play cricket and football.

He suffered from malaria and typhoid thrice when he was four months old and hence was under a strong dose of medicines. He began to walk when he was about 2 years, and was always playful so his parents thought he was growing up like any other child. It was only when he was 4 years old that his mother realised that he was not responding when he was spoken to. She felt helpless and lost, and as suggested by one of the local doctors, took her son to the Guwahati Medical College where the audiological tests reported that he had profound hearing loss .

Back in Haflong, one of the neighbours helped her get in touch with the SSA volunteers of the locality. It was through them that she got to know about the School and Centre for Hearing Handicapped Children (SCHHC) in Shillong where Joseph was enrolled in February 2012.

Supported by VAANI, Ruth motivated the parents of deaf children at SCHHC and formed the Parents Group in Shillong. Joseph presently attends the Montfort Inclusive School at 9th Mile at Jorabat in Guwahati. Ruth has now also become a member of Dikhshruti, the parents' group of Assam as she has relocated to Guwahati. However, she continues to interact with the parents of Shillong and would be trying to strengthen them with ideas from parents of Dikhshruti.



“I have benefitted a lot by attending VAANI’s programmes. I have learnt to communicate with my son and am understanding him better. I am also happy that I can help him at home in his academics. Besides, I have also understood the important role I have in the development of my child and I shall convey this to all the parents that I come across henceforth” (Ruth Bordoloi, Joseph’s Mother)

Rohit Sardar, 11 years, Kolkata

Eleven-year-old Rohit is a playful child who loves to study as well as play games with his friends from school. He comes to the VAANI resource center in Gobra Club, Ward 59, Kolkata. The Centre serves as a platform for children like Rohit and their families across the slums of Kolkata, to be heard.

Rohit was identified as being profoundly deaf at a very young age. His mother, being the sole earning member of the family, did not quite know how to handle the situation.

Rohit studies at the Calcutta Deaf and Dumb School. His mother, Lajma, heard about VAANI from an acquaintance at the school. She drops Rohit to the VAANI center every day and his learning is reinforced on all the concepts taught at school.

He wants to become a pilot and aims to study further. He says that his mother works very hard for him and he would like to support her.

When he first arrived at the VAANI Centre a year ago, he could only count till twenty, do addition but not subtraction and could not read properly. He could copy and write and identify photographs. Today at the Center, he can count till one hundred, add, subtract, divide, multiply and read and write as well as pronounce some words too!

This has only been possible because of VAANI intervention, Rohit's willingness to study and overcome his disability, and his mother's support.



"I want to be a pilot" - says Rohit, the child in the purple check shirt

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